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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

HANCOCK, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1881.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. Tuttle, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1880:

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To balance in Treasurer's hands at the close of last year's settlement, including bonds,	$6691 95	
Cash received of county for county paupers	106 75	
" of State Treasurer, railroad tax, 1880,	63 79	
" " " savings bank tax,	855 65	
" " " literary fund,	46 62	
" of E. Ware for lot in cemetery,	10 00	
" of Ella C. Ware for lot in cemetery,	10 00	
" of Frank J. Ware for lot in cemetery,	10 00	
" of John P. Hills, money from Joseph Davis, error in pauper account of 1876,	51 00	
" of State Treasurer, balance on settlement,	106 06	
Bounty money,	80	
Interest on State bonds,	342 00	
Cash of E. N. Baldwin, collector for 1879,	87 17	
" of E. N. Baldwin, interest on taxes, "	3 64	
" of J. H. Wood for use of town hall,	4 00	
" of F. Barney, collector for 1875,	9 77	
" " " " 1876,	3 47	
" " " " 1877,	14 89	
" of E. N. Baldwin, " 1880,	3,770 81	
		$12,188 37

A. D. Tuttle, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hancock, 1880 :

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By paying the several School Districts, which sum includes the Literary Fund for 1880 :

Prudential Committee.

District No. 1, C. G. Mathews,	$158 52	
" 2, A. H. Knight,	67 00	
" 3, G. O. Wood,	108 52	
" 4, J. H. Felch,	108 51	
" 5, M. E. Davis,	108 51	
" 6, G. I. Hayward,	108 51	
" 7, A. F. Gordon,	108 51	
" 8, G. C. Lakin,	108 51	
" 9, J. D. Mathews,	108 51	
" 5, Harrisville,	20 00	
		$1,005 10

High School District.

Paid Otis Tuttle, Spring term, 1880,	$200 00	
" X. W. Brooks, Fall term, 1880,	200 00	
		$400 00

Support of Town Paupers.

Paid O. A. Willey, house rent for N. H. Tyrrell	$30 00	
J. Cudihee, wood for N. H. Tyrrell,	8 00	
C. M. Sheldon, wood for N. H. Tyrrell,	2 00	
A. D. Colby, sawing wood, for N. H. Tyrrell,	2 50	
G. O. Wood, supplies " "	9 98	
J. P. Hills, " " "	4 70	
J. W. Coolidge, " " "	6 99	
F. B. Thayer, " " "	2 50	
C. M. Sheldon, " " "	2 46	
A. D. Tuttle, " " "	39 30	
W.A.Washburn, " " "	21 70	
J. W. Coolidge, " " "	7 76	
J. P. Hills, Overseer of the Poor,	13 25	
		151 14

Support of County Paupers.

Paid Mrs. F. B. Thayer, support of Lorena Hill,	$12 75	
J. G. Abbott, coffin for Lorena Hill,	10 00	
M. H. Priest, support of C. Howard,	79 50	
		$102 25

Highways and Bridges.

Paid X. W. Brooks, snowing and repairing bridge,	$3 50	
C. L. Otis, cutting brush on highway,	5 00	
G. C. Lakin, railing on highway,	6 00	
Z. W. Brooks, " "	3 00	
W. F. Symonds, " "	1 25	
J. Dodge, " bridge,	2 50	
J. P. Hills, " "	50	
J. W. Wilds, bridge stringers,	3 50	
W. H. Odell, " "	1 50	
H. W. Ware, " plank,	1 02	
J. W. Coolidge, " "	25 07	
W. A. Jaquith, " "	3 34	
J. D. Mathews, " " and labor,	3 00	
Wm. Weston, " " "	3 25	
J. D. Todd, " timber "	6 00	
A. F. Gordon, lumber and labor,	3 00	
E. B. Smith, labor,	5 00	
M. E. Davis, "	9 61	
Mrs. H. Whittemore, labor,	1 20	
M. W. Rice, "	2 00	
J. Dodge, "	3 15	
G. E. Johnson, "	5 15	
M. E. Mathews, "	3 13	
O. L. Boutelle, "	75	
C. M. Sheldon, "	4 75	
J. P. Hills, powder and fuse,	70	
	——	$106 87

Breaking Roads.

Paid C. L. Otis,	$21 53
J. Barney,	30
J. Duncan,	2 70
I. A. Knight,	12 90
C. G. Mathews,	6 45
J. Dodge,	10 74
W. C. Goodhue,	1 80
H. W. Ware,	5 15
C. M. Sheldon,	10 60
C. H. Dutton,	25 20
W. Sawyer,	15 17
L. Symonds,	14 05
G. Town,	4 65
A. D. Colby,	4 50
Mrs. H. Whittemore,	10 57
O. L. Boutelle,	6 00

W. H. Odell,	55 65	
J. W. Wilds,	17 40	
H. H. Hall,	4 05	
J. Cudihee,	8 40	
J. Weston,	2 60	
J. D. Todd,	5 70	
S. S. Fogg,	11 05	
T. F. Shea,	6 75	
J. S. Hayward,	8 75	
M. E. Davis,	18 45	
A. G. Foster,	10 80	
C. E. L. Hayward,	9 15	
W. A. Washburn,	3 00	
J. S. Lakin,	2 65	
J. P. Hills,	6 75	
A. Gordon,	13 65	
A. Symonds,	12 20	
X. W. Brooks,	8 55	
M. E. Harrington,	6 30	
J. C. Wilkins,	1 99	
T. Brown,	14 82	
Z. W. Brooks,	12 15	
E. Harris,	4 95	
C. Fairfield,	12 00	
A. S. Moore,	2 10	
W Weston,	7 20	
T. Shea,	11 70	
J. D. Mathews,	3 75	
		$434 82

Paid State Treasurer, State tax,	$860 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	820 08
Non-resident highway tax,	55 38
Abatement of taxes for 1875,	3 80
" " 1876,	3 47
" " 1877,	8 29
" " 1880,	3 49

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid B. B. & F. F. Whittemore, printing reports,	$27 00
M. V. B. Greene, two invoice books,	23 00
M. V. B. Greene, blank books and orders,	5 62
County Commissioners, overpay for Carrie Tyrrell,	48 00

L. C. & C. H. Dutton, tax on Hadley legacy,	10	00
Mrs. H. E. Patten, illegal taxation, 1879,	10	90
H. Osgood, " " "	3	81
Priscilla Sawyer, " " "	7	63
D. Hunt, " " "	8	18
Ann A. Hills, " " "	2	18
F. B. Thayer, " " "	2	29
J. Nesmith, " " "	8	72
J. F. Eaton, land for library building,	325	00
J. W. Coolidge, survey of the library lot,	1	00
J. P. Hills, services as building committee,	7	00
W. F. Symonds, " " "	6	00
C. M. Sheldon, " " "	3	00
J. H. Cutler, return of two births,		50
J. G. Abbott, stock for repairing settees,	3	75
J. P. Hills, bounties paid,		80
J. P. Hills, looking up error in Treasurer's account for 1876,	3	00
A. D. Tuttle, stationery for selectmen,	1	63
A. D. Tuttle, cash overpaid as Treas., 1879,	8	05
C. Turner, repairing hearse,	9	35
" " police services,	2	00
" " tolling bell,	3	00
" " services as sexton,	4	50
W. A, Washburn, damage on highway,	3	00
C. P. Bugbee, " "	3	50
R. Tuttle, watering trough,	3	00
W. F. Symonds, " "	3	00
M. Harrington, " "	3	00
C. L. Otis, " "	3	00
A. Jaquith, " "	3	00
M. Christie, medical services, 1879,	26	50
W. F. Symonds, money paid for sealer's scales,	31	50
S. N. Bell, legal services,	5	00
C. R. Morrison, legal services,	187	85
A. W. Sawyer, " "	25	00
A. F. Stevens, " "	391	25
Z. W. Brooks, damage to sheep by dogs,	21	00
E. Mulhall, " " "	5	00
T. Shea, " " "	3	00
E. Mulhall, " " "	3	00
A. Jaquith, " " "	14	00
W. F. Symonds, perambulating Nelson and Harrisville,	4	00
W. F. Symonds, journey and expense to Nashua and Manchester,	10	00
W. F. Symonds, appraising real estate,	17	00
C. M. Sheldon, " " "	14	00

A. D. Tuttle, for Town Library, int. for 1879, Hubbard legacy,	60 00	
A. D. Tuttle, for Town Library, int. for 1880, Hubbard & Hadley legacy,	120 00	
Mrs. F. B. Thayer, part of Hubbard legacy interest, 1880,	10 00	
Mrs. M. H. Priest, part of Hubbard legacy interest, 1880,	10 00	
Hartwell Tuttle, part of Hubbard legacy interest, 1880,	10 00	
E. Tyrrell, part of Hubbard legacy int. 1880,	20 00	
Mrs. S. Alcock, part of Hubbard legacy interest, 1880,	10 00	
		$1,555 51

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid H. F. Robinson, S. S. Committee, 1879,	$22 50	
J. H. Wood, care of town hall,	4 00	
J. S. Lakin, Supervisor's bill,	12 00	
Z. W. Brooks, " "	10 00	
J. Newell, care of town clock,	20 00	
E. N. Baldwin, collector,	50 00	
A. D. Tuttle, Treasurer,	20 00	
" " " Town Clerk,	28 35	
" " " Librarian,	25 00	
J. P. Hills, Selectman,	90 50	
W. F. Symonds, "	51 00	
C. M. Sheldon, "	37 00	
Auditors,	3 00	
H. Gulick, S. S. Committee,	45 00	
		$418 35

Recapitulation.

Money received by Treasurer,		$12,188 37
Money paid out by Treasurer:		
Paid the several School Districts,	$1,005 10	
High School District,	400 00	
Support of Town Paupers,	151 14	
Support of County Paupers,	102 25	
Highways and Bridges,	106 87	
Breaking Roads,	434 82	
State Tax,	860 00	
County Tax,	820 08	

Non-resident Highway Tax,	55 38	
Abatement of Taxes, 1875,	3 80	
" " 1876,	3 47	
" " 1877,	8 29	
" " 1880,	3 49	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1555 51	
Town Officers' Bills,	418 35	
		$5,928 55

A. D. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of six thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and eighty-two cents ($6,259.82).

JOSHUA S. LAKIN,
EBENEZER WARE,
HENRY F. ROBINSON, } Auditors.

February 26, 1881.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Number of persons assisted during the year,	3
Cost of assisting such persons,	$151 14
Number of County paupers supported during the year,	1

One County pauper died at the beginning of the year.

Cost of supporting County paupers,	$102 25

JOHN P. HILLS,
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS, } Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Valuation of the town by invoice taken April, 1880:

188 polls, $100,	$18,800 00
Resident real estate,	204,130 00
Non-resident real estate,	28,064 00
187 horses,	11,130 00
1021 cattle,	24,212 00
396 sheep,	1,041 00
Stock in banks,	15,700 00
Money on hand or at interest,	26,261 00
Stock in trade,	3,300 00
Stock in public funds,	500 00
Mills and machinery,	2,100 00
18 carriages,	1,095 00
4 hogs,	34 00
55 dogs,	61 00

Assets of the Town.

State bonds,	$5,700 00
Money in the treasury,	559 82
In Collector F. Barney's hands for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877,	60 11
In Collector D. Wilds' hands, 1878,	1 32
In Collector E. N. Baldwin's hands, 1880,	63 82

Liabilities of the Town.

Due High School Committee,	$200 00
Z. W. Brooks, damage to sheep by dogs,	12 00
School District No. 2,	41 52

JOHN P. HILLS,
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS,
CHARLES M. SHELDON,
} Selectmen of Hancock.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library for the year ending March 1, 1881:

STATISTICS.

Number of Volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year,	1063
Number of volumes added by donation during the year,	1
Whole number of Volumes in the Library at the present time,	1107

Whole amount of money on hand at the commencement of the year,	$24 71
Whole amount of money received for fines,	1 84
Received from the town, one year's interest on Hubbard legacy, for 1879,	60 00
Received from the town, one year's interest on Hubbard & Hadley legacies, for 1880,	120 00

Money expended as follows:

For repair of old books,	$15 59
Cover paper,	6 25
New books,	60 57
Balance of money on hand,	124 14

The books are in good condition.

A. D. TUTTLE, Librarian.

Hancock, Feb. 28, 1881.

List of Books added to the Town Library since March 1, 1880.

Centennial History of the United States.
Scott's Novels:—Waverley.
The Abbott.
The Antiquary.
Red Gauntlet.
Kenilworth.
The Monastery.
The Life of Christ.
Life and Letters of Frances Baroness Bunsen.
Young Folks' Cyclopedia of Common Things.
The Science of Law.
A History of Our Times. 2 vols.
Outlines of the History of Art.—*Lubke.* 2 vols.
Tales of Ancient Greece.
English Past and Present.
Fred Markham in Russia.
Stories from Homer.
Child Marian Abroad,
Adventures in a Journey to Japan and China.
Adventures in a Journey to Siam and Java.
Mr. Bodley Abroad.
Camps in the Carribees.
Lessons from My Masters.
Heroes and Hero Worshipers.
Uardia. 2 Volumes.
How Two Girls Tried Farming.
A Voyage in the Sunbeam.
Aloha.
Short Studies of American Authors.
Ultima Thule.
The Iron Gate.
Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag. 2 Volumes.
Josiah Allen's Wife at the Centennial.
Curious Myths of the Middle Ages.
The Lady of the Aroostook.
His Majesty Myself.
A Fool's Errand.
Bricks Without Straw.
State of New Hampshire Annual Reports, 1880.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting this report, your Committee wishes to say that his connection with the schools has been a source of pleasure to him, and their welfare a matter of heartfelt interest. The teachers were carefully examined with a view to ascertain, as well their aptness to teach as their competency in knowledge, and after the experience of the year he feels that much praise is due the Prudential Committees for their care in selecting teachers, and still more to the teachers themselves for their faithfulness and efficiency. Your Superintendent is deeply convinced that thoroughness lies at the bottom of all true progress in the acquisition of knowledge, and has striven to impress this truth on teachers and scholars, in order that every step in advance and upward might be made on a solid basis. Only in this way can a true interest in study be awakened and solid results be obtained. It is a real satisfaction to be able to report good discipline and good work in all the schools, and a clear and positive advance throughout the year. No change has been made during the year in the text books of the schools. Most of them were found to be of recent introduction and of standard quality,—the exception is the Grammar, which has been in use a long time, and might well give place the coming year to a later and better book in this department.

The recommendation of the committee of last year in the matter of maps is heartily endorsed. A good general map for each school is most desirable. The aid which the eye furnishes to the mind in the study of Geography can hardly be overrated.

Entire harmony has existed amongst teachers, scholars and parents throughout the year, and the interest manifested by parents in the conduct of the schools and the progress of their children is to be commended. In conclusion, your Superintendent wishes to return his thanks for the kindness that he has everywhere met in the discharge of his official duties.

SPECIAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Clara R. Heath, Harrisville, teacher of Summer Term. Miss Heath fully sustained her high reputation as a teacher. The examination showed that good, solid work had been done during the term by teacher and scholars.

Winter Term, Miss Lettie W. Goodhue, teacher. Miss Goodhue must be ranked high as a teacher. Her qualifications are excellent and were brought faithfully to bear upon her work. The examination was thorough and highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term taught by Miss Lizzie F. Knight, of Milford. It is only to be regretted that Miss Knight could not have had a larger school for the exercise of her gifts.

Winter Term, Miss Mary R. Colby of Boston, teacher. Miss Colby's manner and methods in the school room are such as will always make her a favorite there. The examinations showed good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Nellie A. Hadley. Miss Hadley is a very successful teacher, and deserves success. She has the art to stimulate and control, and the examination showed good results for the term.

Winter Term, Miss Addie M. Nesmith, teacher. Miss Nesmith exhibited special tact in eliciting the interest of her scholars, and will ripen, with a little time and effort, into one of the very best of teachers. The school made a clear advance under her care.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Jennette S. Knowlton taught the Summer Term. Miss Knowlton is a teacher of established reputation, and we repeat here, as in the case of No. 2, it is a pity that a larger number of scholars could not have been under her care. The examination was very much enjoyed and gave good satisfaction.

Winter Term, Miss Nellie A. Knowlton, teacher. This teacher, like her sister, has the gift of teaching, and made it tell with good effect upon her scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Frances E. Chandler, of Andover, Mass. Miss Chandler is an experienced teacher. The progress made during the term was commendable.

Winter Term, taught by Mr. Charles C. Parker, of Boston. This was Mr. Parker's second attempt at teaching, and the examination reflected much credit upon him as a teacher, and the scholars acquitted themselves admirably.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Ella C. Ware, teacher for the school year. Miss Ware's merits as a teacher are well known and appreciated. This is a pleasant little school, and the examinations showed excellent training and good work through the year.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Flora J. Tubbs, of Peterboro', teacher both Summer and Winter Terms. The examination of this school gave us much pleasure. Miss Tubbs showed excellent qualifications for her work, and the school made a steady advance under her care.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term taught by Miss Mary R. Colby.

Winter Term taught by Miss Ella C. Ware. What has already been said of these teachers will apply here. Examinations showed faithful instruction and earnest work. Some of the recitations were exceptionally good, and the singing in this school gives pleasing variety to the exercises.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Lettie W. Goodhue taught the Summer Term and Miss Nellie A. Hadley the Winter Term. This is an interesting school, and under the guidance of these teachers did excellent work through the school year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect Record for the Year.

Carrie L. Osgood,
Anna Belle Woodward,
Mary Knight,
Henry A. Barber,
Flora J. Barber,
Nettie I. Stearns,
Ada S. Stearns,
Mabel M. Sheldon,
A. Lillia Washburn,
Frank T. Davis,
Emma L. Davis,
Lilla E. Kimball,
Morris Woods,
Etta P. Mathews.

Perfect Record for Summer Term.

Etta C. Crockett,
Flora Cheney,
Elmer Cummings,
Almus Woodward,
Arthur Felch,
Annie A. Hayward,
Eva Wilkins,
Ralph Dockham,
Emily L. Whitaker,
Hattie J. Whitaker,
Bertha A. Russell,
Georgie B. Lakin,
Bertie G. Lakin,
Myron Alcott.

Perfect Record for Winter Term.

Ida E. Goodhue,
Nellie C. Goodhue,
Annie L. Symonds,
Arthur M. Hayward,
Nellie L. Davis,
Alice M. Davis,
Nellie Straw,
Willie Straw,
Lawrence E. Welch,
Mattie E. Lakin,
Sarah F. Weston,
Willie Weston,
Ephraim Weston.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Number of scholars. Summer.	Number of scholars. Winter.	Average attendance. Summer.	Average attendance. Winter.	No. of children from 5 to 15 not in school.	Length of summer school in weeks.	Length of winter school in weeks.	Amount of money expended.	No. of visits by S. S. Com.	No. of visits by Prud. Com.	No. of visits by Citizens.	Wages of female teachers in summer, including board.	Wages of female teachers in winter, including board.
1	32	31	25	28	2	10	9	$158 51	4	2	131	$30 00	$28 00
2	3	3	2	3		12	8	108 51	3	2	8	20 00	20 00
3	10	13	9	12	3	9	9½	108 51	4		40	20 00	20 00
4	4	4	3	2		10	10	108 51	4	3	7	19 00	21 00
5	8	11	7	9		8	12	108 51	4		28	19 00	21 00
6	6	9	6	8	1	8	10	108 51	4		41	20 00	22 00
7	8	13	6	10		9	13	108 51	3	2	14	17 00	24 00
8	13	10	12	8		9	9	108 51	4	3	41	20 00	19 00
9	9	9	8	8	1	8	10	108 51	4	2	18	21 00	25 20

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY GULICK, S. S. Committee.

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